

FRANCIS MARION VIEW

Plans for FMU's Center for the Child under way



Architect's rendering of Center for the Child.

Recent research has shown that from the crib to the classroom, healthy child development and achieving school readiness require nurturing children's mental and physical health, social and emotional skills, language, and cognition. In a state fraught with low academic achievement, underemployment, and poverty, Francis Marion University has a vision for building a better future through early childhood education.

That vision was realized in 2005 when the university obtained a \$2 million appropriation from the legislature to

build the Center for the Child. This center, scheduled to open in 2008, will be a child development and evaluation clinic to train students, giving them firsthand experience in dealing with the nearly 100 small children it will serve. In addition, the center will serve as a state model for the dissemination of best practices in early childhood education.

FMU's School of Education and the Department of Psychology will work jointly to improve the physical, academic, social, emotional and economic well-being of children and their families through the center. Students from the School of Education will receive training through observational labs at the center allowing them to pull back the curtain and monitor the learning behaviors of children, according to James Ron Faulkenberry, dean of the FMU School of Education and professor of education.

"Essentially, we will be able to hold classes for our students in the center and make observations to provide for the total child," said Faulkenberry. "We will be able to apply best practices almost immediately."

An integral part of this undertaking is the offering of child care service for children ages six weeks to five years old for

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Two professors named Trustees' Research Scholars



Camper

Jeffrey D. Camper, professor of biology, and Victor Scott Kaufman, associate professor of history, were named Francis Marion University Board of Trustees' Research Scholars for 2007 in a special ceremony held at the quarterly meeting of the board on Feb. 2.

The Research Scholar designation signifies outstanding scholarly achievements and the promise of continued scholarly activity in the future.

"I am so pleased that these two exceptional faculty members are being honored as Trustees' Research Scholars," said Ken Jackson, chair of the FMU board of trustees. "Both are distinguished professors."

The Research Scholar appointments are for three-year terms and are renewable. The two new appointees join Fred David, Lorraine de Montluzin (retired), John A. Britton, Larry J. McCumber, Benjamin Woods, Jeffrey Pompe,



Kaufman

Jackson F. (Jeff) Lee Jr., Jon W. Tuttle, William P. Fox and William M. Ramsey as the university's 12 Research Scholars.

A native of Aurora, Ill., Camper has been a professor of biology at FMU since 1994. Before coming to FMU, he was a professor of biology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, from 1991 to 1994.

"Jeff Camper is a renowned herpetologist who not only excels in his field of research but also makes himself available throughout the community," said FMU President Fred Carter. "I am proud that the university can recognize his extensive scholarship in this way."

Camper earned the B.S. degree in zoology from Southern Illinois University, the M.S. degree in biology from Drake University, and the Ph.D. degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences from Texas A & M University.

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children of students, faculty, staff and community members, according to psychology professor John R. Hester, who was named director of FMU's Center for the Child in 2005.

"I feel we have a joint mission – both to develop best practices for working with children of poverty and to provide quality, direct care for children," said Hester.

Hester was chosen to lead these efforts because of his extensive background in working with children in schools throughout the state, said FMU President Fred Carter.



Hester

"John Hester's expertise in school psychology makes him an ideal choice to head the Center for the Child," said Carter. "His years of experience working with children will be a tremendous asset in this important position."

Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1980, Hester, a native of Greenville, worked as a school psychologist in Richland School District 2. He also worked as a school psychology intern in the Fairfield County, Richland 1 and Lexington 2 school districts. He earned the B.A. degree in psychology from Clemson University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in school psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is a nationally certified school psychologist and has worked in private practice, consulting with individual clients and area school districts, for more than 20 years.

The center will boast the names of a couple who have been long-time supporters of Francis Marion University and enthusiastic proponents for establishing the Center for the Child. The FMU trustees approved a resolution naming the Center for the Child in honor of Gail and Terry Richardson of Barnwell at their meeting on Feb. 2.

"Not only are Gail and Terry Richardson substantial donors to FMU, but they have been very active in university life for many years," said Carter. "This is a fitting tribute to their loyalty to FMU and their devotion to children."

Gail Ness Richardson has served on the FMU Board of Trustees since 1988, and was the first woman elected to a

two-year term as chair in 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree from Queens College in Charlotte and a master's in library science from

the University of South Carolina. She has been a public school teacher and a community advocate for education.

Terry E. Richardson Jr. is a successful attorney with the law firm Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman in Barnwell. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Clemson University and a law degree at the University of South Carolina. He received the President's Award for Service from the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association in 1994, and the Compleat Lawyer Award from the S.C. Bar in 2003.

This 15,000-square-foot, one-story facility will be located on a site near the Pee Dee Education Center on the campus of FMU. The university has a long established partnership with the Pee Dee Education Center, a 30-year consortium of 19 school districts, working together to impact the educational careers of almost 70,000 children. In addition, the university intends to cooperate closely with South Carolina's First Steps to School Readiness program at the state level to assist with their important efforts.

The cost of the facility is expected to be approximately \$3.5 million. The facility is in the design phase, and so far includes a child-care wing of two infant rooms, two toddler rooms, two rooms for three- and four-year-olds, and two rooms for four- and five-year-olds; an office area for psychology and education faculty members; a central lobby and library that will function as a family waiting area; observation and assessment rooms; and an outdoor play area. Liollo Architecture in Charleston is the design firm.

It is being funded through state appropriations and private funding. The university is soliciting funds for an endowment to cover operational costs. For more information, contact the FMU Development Office at 843-661-1295.



Gail and Terry Richardson

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Francis Marion University offers equal opportunity in its employment, admissions, and educational activities.



The 2006 Patriots baseball team was awarded jackets commemorating their participation in the 2006 NCAA Division II College World Series.

Portraits of FMU First Ladies unveiled at Wallace House

Portraits of late FMU first ladies Rhondda Miller Smith and Sara Louise Stanton were placed in the Wallace House during a special ceremony on Jan. 25.

"These ladies served the campus with dignity and grace, and I am delighted that we can honor them in such a memorable way," said FMU First Lady Folly Carter.

Smith was the wife of Walter D. Smith, FMU's founding president who held the position from 1970 to 1983. Smith was born in 1920 in Brisbane, Australia, and passed away on Jan. 8, 2000. She served in the British and Australian Navies

as a communications instructor during World War II. While serving in the Australian Navy, she met her husband, who was stationed in Sydney. Smith also had a strong interest in art and music and loved to sing.

Stanton was married to the late Thomas C. Stanton, who served as FMU's second president from 1983 to 1994 and died in 2006. A Pee Dee native, Stanton was born in Cheraw in 1918 and passed away on Dec. 28, 2005. She was an avid golfer and member of the Women's Golf Associations at both the Florence Country Club and the Country Club of South Carolina. Stanton also worked as a bookkeeper and was a member

of Calvary Baptist Church in Florence.



The Smith family



First Lady Folly Carter and the Stanton family.

Franck named Associate Dean of Business

David Franck of Florence has been appointed associate dean of the School of Business at Francis Marion University.

Franck replaces Robert T. Barrett who accepted a position at another university.

As associate dean, Franck will be heavily involved with scheduling, accreditation, assessment, faculty qualification and other areas relating to the day-to-day operation of the School of Business.

FMU's School of Business has 27 faculty members and majors in eight business areas as well as two minor degrees.

"Dr. Franck has already made his mark as a distinguished member of our economics program," said Provost Richard

Chapman. "As associate dean of the school of business, he will have an opportunity to play an even larger role as a leader of our business programs."

A member of the FMU faculty since 2001, Franck holds the title of John Kassab Professor of Business and associate professor of economics. He received the Excellence in Research and Excellence in Teaching awards from The University of Tennessee at Martin. Franck is an honorary member and advisor of Phi Chi Theta and is also a member of several other business and economics organizations.



Franck

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Camper's area of expertise is the field of herpetology and evolutionary biology. In 2006, he was a Harry M. Lightsey, Jr. Visiting Scholar at Hobcaw Barony, and he received the 2004-2005 FMU Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

Camper has published numerous articles and served on numerous professional and university committees.

Kaufman, a native of Slidell, La., became an assistant professor of history at FMU in 2001 and an associate professor of history in 2005. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Washington, Southwest Missouri State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Ohio University.

"Scott has had four books published in the past seven years," said Carter. "I think there is no scholar in the state who has eclipsed the achievements of Scott Kaufman in the six years

he's been here."

He has taught many courses in the field of history to include historiography, the Korean War, the Modern World and the History of the United States in World Affairs. He earned the B.A. degree from Kansas State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio University.

Kaufman has published four books since 2000, including "Confronting Communism: U.S. and British Policies toward China," "The Presidency of James Earl Carter Jr.," "The Pig War: The United States, Britain, and the Balance of Power in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-72" and "Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of the Carolinas." Dr. Kaufman has also published numerous articles in scholarly journals and has just finished a biography of former first lady Rosalynn Carter, which is scheduled to be published in fall 2007.

McWayne named coordinator of FMU's Gender Studies Program

Janis McWayne, assistant professor of education, has been appointed coordinator of the gender studies program at Francis Marion University.

"Many faculty members across campus are involved in the development of FMU's gender studies program," said Provost Richard Chapman. "Professor McWayne is an outstanding choice to lead this effort to provide students with an interdisciplinary lens through which to examine human conditions and experiences."

McWayne will also chair the gender studies advisory



McWayne

committee in the continuing development of the program.

"All facets of our lives are profoundly impacted by gender and gender relations," said McWayne. "Education in the biological, psychological, sociological, health, literary, historical, economic and political aspects of gender will allow students to complement their academic inquiry in many disciplines."

McWayne joined the FMU faculty in 2003, after completing her doctorate in health promotion education and behavior from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. She also earned a master's degree from USC and a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado.

Ingram Estate contributes to FMU nursing program

The Estate of Mary Alice Caudle Ingram recently made a \$25,000 contribution to Francis Marion University's Department of Nursing.

The last will and testament of Mary Alice Caudle Ingram, managed by daughter Mary Alice Ingram Busch, allowed for the \$25,000 contribution. Busch said she chose to make the donation to the nursing program for various reasons.

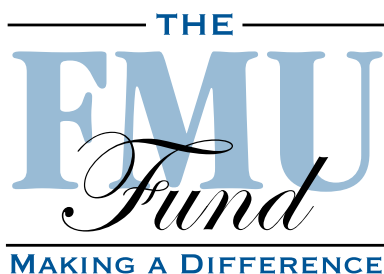
"We have had so much illness in my family, and the nurses and doctors have done so much for us," Busch said. "It was one of my top priorities to help those I thought really needed it. Besides, my mother and father were deeply interested in Francis Marion since it first began."

The gift is to be used to provide scholarships for nursing

students who are in financial need.

"We are very grateful to receive this contribution from the Estate of Mrs. Mary Alice Caudle Ingram," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "Mrs. Ingram and the Ingram family are recognized as charitable leaders in our community and have a rich history of involvement at Francis Marion University. Her gift to provide scholarships for our nursing students is yet another example of her generosity."

Already established by Ingram was The Charles Nelms Ingram Memorial Fund in 1978 in memory of her husband. Awards are made from this fund to worthy, as well as needy, FMU students.



There is much to celebrate about being a part of FMU, but this does not diminish the need to secure sufficient resources to

continue the university's growth. The FMU Fund is the Annual giving program and is vital to the future of the university. The FMU Fund assists in establishing scholarships for deserving students, enhancing physical facilities, enriching the library collection, and impacts many other aspects of campus life.

There are many opportunities for you to make a difference in the lives of the students at FMU, please join this important undertaking by contributing to the 2006-2007 FMU Fund. Your donation will make a difference and is appreciated by June 30, 2007 - the last day of the university's fiscal year.

For more information on the FMU Fund contact, Brandie Love, director of annual giving and constituent relations at (843)661.1218 or blove@fmarion.edu.

Dixon named chief information officer

John B. Dixon has been named chief information officer at Francis Marion University.

His responsibilities include developing and directing an organizational structure which provides integrated academic and administrative technology to include infrastructure and telecommunications, data systems management and user support.

"John Dixon brings a wealth of expertise in the integration of university academic and administrative systems," said FMU President Fred Carter. "He is a wonderful addition to the university."

Most recently, Dixon was director of information technology at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, for three years. Prior to that, he was director of information systems at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn., for 15 years. During his tenure at both institutions, he designed and led the development of several student management software applications, installed and set up computer networks and wrote applications to assist in data management. In addition, Dixon developed strategic technology plans to accommodate information needs for the rapidly growing schools.

A native of Fayetteville, N.C., Dixon earned the B.A. degree from Lee College and the M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee. Dixon also served a five-year stint in the U.S. Air Force.

Dixon and his wife, Donna, reside in Florence.



Dixon

Gately appointed to Askins Endowed Chair in Art

Steven F. Gately, associate professor of art at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to the C.B. and Marlene Askins Endowed Chair in Art.

Gately has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1973 and is the coordinator of the visual art program. He teaches painting, drawing and design in FMU's Fine Arts Department.

The Askins Chair was created in 1995 by C. B. and Marlene Askins of Lake City for further development of the artistic and cultural life of the campus and the region. C.B. Askins was a

member of the university's board of visitors at the time he and his wife created the endowed chair.

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Gately earned an associate's degree at Palm Beach Junior College in Lake Worth, Fla., a bachelor's degree in fine arts at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and a master of fine arts degree in painting and photography from Florida State University where he also was a graduate teaching assistant.



Gately

King named chairman of Department of Biology

Peter King has been named chairman of the Francis Marion University Department of Biology.

He replaces Dr. Julia Krebs, who stepped down after serving more than seven years to return to classroom teaching.

King is a professor of biology and coordinator of the biology pre-professional programs at FMU, and has been cited for his service to the community and state and for service on numerous university committees.

"Dr. Carter and I are delighted that the biology faculty recommended Dr. Peter King to be the new chair of the

Department of Biology," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "Dr. King is a distinguished member of the faculty who will do a fine job as department chair."

He earned a certificate of horticulture at Sydney Technical College, a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Technology in Australia, a bachelor's degree in animal biology and geography from the University of New England in Australia, and a doctorate in zoology from N.C. State University.



King

Two former FMU employees die

Clarence Pope (Tony) Huggins Jr., and Colonel Williams P. (Bill) Tallon Jr., died.

Huggins, 69, a distinguished associate professor of English at Francis Marion University, died Jan. 9 at Pawleys Island. He came to FMU in 1974 after having taught at the University of North Carolina Greensboro and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He retired from FMU in August of 2006 and moved from Darlington to Pawleys Island.

Surviving are his wife, Marion, and two sons, Clarence III, and Geoffrey.

Tallon, 86, a former registrar and director of development at FMU, died Jan. 20 at his home in Florence.

Tallon came to FMU in 1972 and worked briefly as the FMU registrar. In 1973, he became the director of development, retiring in 1983. Upon his retirement, he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus.

Before he made his way to FMU, Tallon spent 32 years serving his country.

Lunn Scholarship established

A scholarship has been established by Francis Marion University in memory of Rebecca S. Lunn, former coordinator of provisional programs.

The Rebecca S. Lunn African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition Scholarship was created to pay tribute to Lunn's 30 years of service to FMU and her dedication to the coalition.

"Rebecca had a great love for this institution and its students," said FMU President Fred Carter. "It's most fitting that we honor her in perpetuity through the naming of this scholarship."

Professor's book receives national recognition

A book published by Kenneth Kitts, associate provost and political science professor at Francis Marion University, has been named an Outstanding Academic Title on Choice magazine's annual list and is featured in the January issue.

Kitts's book, "Presidential Commissions and National Security: The Politics of Damage Control," published by Lynne Rienner Publishers of Boulder, Colo., is about blue-ribbon investigations of national security issues.

Each year in the January issue, in print and online, Choice publishes a list of Outstanding Academic Titles that were reviewed during the previous calendar year. This list reflects the best in scholarly titles reviewed by Choice.

Fewer than 3 percent of the titles submitted for review last year were selected to appear on the list. Choice editors base their selections on the reviewer's evaluation of the work, the editor's knowledge of the field, and the reviewer's record. In awarding Outstanding Academic Titles, the editors apply strict criteria to reviewed titles.

According to the Choice review, the book "should be required reading for students of the American presidency, the US Congress, public administration, and public policy."

Kitts, a native of Waynesville, N.C., earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Appalachian State University, and the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of South Carolina. He joined the FMU faculty in 1987 and was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2002-03.



Kitts

Scholarship established to honor healthcare advocate

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by Makram A. Bishara and his sons Tarek M. Bishara and Steve M. Bishara in memory of wife and mother Nabila F. Bishara for her dedication to the field of healthcare, particularly nursing.

The Nabila F. Bishara Memorial Nursing Scholarship will be awarded to a student admitted into the FMU nursing program, who is also a native of Mullins.

Nabila F. Bishara received an undergraduate degree in biology in Egypt and furthered her studies through graduate

work at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, becoming a medical technician. Her more than 20-year tenure in the medical lab at Marion and Mullins hospitals, now the Marion County Medical Center, is where she had the greatest impact, said husband Makram A. Bishara.

"She was devoted to science and medical technology," said Makram Bishara. "She enjoyed her job and did a lot to care for the people who came through the labs at the Mullins and Marion hospitals."

Scholarship to assist Beneteau USA employees and dependents

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by the leadership team at Beneteau USA in Marion to assist employees and their dependents pursue and complete degree requirements at FMU.

The Beneteau USA Scholarship will be awarded based on the approval of the financial assistance committee at FMU. The recipient must either be an employee at Beneteau USA who has a defined career path or the dependent of an employee who has demonstrated financial need. If there are no candidates who are employees or dependents of an employee at Beneteau

USA, the recipient must be a resident of the Pee Dee Region and have a financial need.

"As good corporate citizens, Beneteau is excited to offer this opportunity to its employees and dependents," said Jennifer Reinman, human resources director at Beneteau USA. "This is a step in the right direction to improve the overall level of education in Marion County and the Pee Dee."

The scholarship will be funded annually and administered by the FMU Foundation.

FMU presents Alumni Awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2006-2007 alumni awards at an alumni appreciation dinner, Feb. 1.

The Outstanding Alumnus is Terry Alexander. A native of Florence, Alexander earned a bachelor of general studies from Francis Marion in 1991. In November 2006, Alexander was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives, District 59 seat. In this position, he serves as a member of the medical, military, and public and municipal affairs committees. A career development consultant and managing partner of Sunrise of the Pee Dee, he serves as pastor of Wayside Chapel Baptist Church in Florence and as an adjunct professor of religion for Limestone College.

Alexander has an extensive history of community involvement and public service. Before being elected to the House, he served on Florence County Council from 1990-2006, where he was chairman in 2002 and 2004. Alexander has held numerous leadership positions in the Pee Dee and served as president of many organizations. His professional and civic affiliations are also numerous.

Alexander earned the master of divinity from the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C., in 1998. Married to Starlee Davis Alexander, they have two children, Terrell McClain and Matthew.

This year's winner of the Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus Award is Ricky Cox. Cox earned the B.B.A. in management in 1998. A cum laude graduate, Cox returned to FMU and earned an M.B.A. in December 1999. He is also a



From left, Julian Young, Ricky Cox, Terry Alexander, Paul Seward and Fred Carter at the Awards Dinner.

2002 graduate of the National Commercial Lending School of the American Bankers Association and a 2005 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. Cox currently serves as the vice president and city executive for the Florence region of First Reliance Bank.

He is married to Virginia Cox, and they have two children, Caleb and Gracyn.

The Alumni Volunteer of the Year is Paul Seward. Seward earned a B.A. in history in 1994, is currently pursuing an M.B.A. at FMU. A distinguished graduate of the Wake Forest/BB&T Banking School, he has served as the vice president of commercial lending at BB&T for the past four years.

As an alumni volunteer, Seward plays an integral role at Student Alumni Association meetings as a speaker, mentor and supporter of all FMU students.

A member of the Alumni Board of Directors, he chairs the student relations committee and serves on the Alumni Foundation's golf committee for the Chairman's Golf Classic.

Married to fellow FMU alum Debbie Young Seward, the couple has two children, Olivia and Jack.

1977

Richard Harrington was presented the Ashpy P. Lowrimore Community Service Award. This award was created to honor the late Ashpy Lowrimore. It is given each year to United Way supporters who demonstrate outstanding community involvement.

1988

Rebecca McCutcheon Cooper presented her lesson on political parties at the South Carolina Social Studies Conference in Greenville, September 2006. This was her third presentation at this statewide conference. She is a 15-year veteran teacher at South Florence High School. Becky and her husband, Bo, reside in Florence and have an 11-year-old daughter, Carrie, who attends Savannah Grove Elementary School.

1991

Audra Hayes Thames and Chuck Thames announce the birth of their son, Patrick Ryan Thames on Dec. 10, 2006.

1999

Mattie Morris-Hughes received her M.Ed. from Winthrop University in December 2006.

2000

Allison Jones has been named the local representative for the Atlantic Publication Group LLC/ The Real Estate Book.

2001

Thomas Drago and **Rebekka Tebal '01** were married on July 8, 2006. After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple settled in Pennsylvania.

Adam Aviary Lyerly and April Frances Evans, both of Poston Corner, were married at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Mill Branch Freewill Baptist Church. After a wedding trip to Walt

Disney World, the couple made their home in Poston Corner.

Heather Michele Mims and Garrett Samuel Odom were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet. After a wedding trip to Savannah, Ga., the couple resides in Myrtle Beach.

2002

Marshall Connor and **Penny Wagers Connor '04** welcomed their son, Alistair Bryson Connor on Jan. 10, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs. and 11 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Marshall Connor received his M.Ed. degree in December 2006 from Francis Marion University, making him a double degreed alumnus.

Cristy Hughes and Dr. Christopher Beller were married on Sept. 4, 2006. The wedding took place at The Lake Norman Peninsula Yacht Club in Cornelius, N.C.

Jennifer Lynn Brabham and **Peter Benjamin Collier '03** were married at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Ringel Heights Baptist Church. After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple settled in Florence.

2003

Amaris McKinney Lisbon completed her M.Ed. in Administration in December 2006 from Grand Canyon University. Her graduation is scheduled for May 5, 2007.

Page Neal Brooks and **Danielle Diana Rush '06** were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006,



Alistair Bryson Connor

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wayne McKenzie of Florence. After a wedding trip to Keystone, Colo., the couple lives in Florence.

Logan Suzanne Bolick and Richard Stanley McGill were married on Aug. 26, 2006. The wedding took place at the Moon Palace Resort and Spa in Cancun, Mexico. The couple lives in Florence.

Karen Gibson and Cameron Coker were married on July 22, 2006. After a wedding trip to Wilmington, N.C., the couple settled in Florence.

Amy Mims and Throop Crosland were married on Sept. 23, 2006.

Robert Skelton and Cynthia Norris were married on July 22, 2006. After a wedding trip to Mackinac Island in Michigan, the couple settled in Greenville.

2006

Matthew Clinton O'Neal and Danielle Jeanne Church were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Central Baptist Church in Darlington. After a honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains, the couple lives in Florence.

Kim Starling is attending Columbia College's master's program for human behavior and conflict management.

... In addition

In the article "FMU grads serve with distinction in the military" in the Winter 2006 edition of the View magazine, these military service alumni were not listed.

Mark Chandler, Jordan Cochran, Jim Madison, Larry Monahan, Woody Monahan, Hubert Redd, Jr., Christopher Rogerson and Wattie Snowden.

SportsNEWS

Runner inducted into FMU Athletic Hall of Fame

Former Francis Marion University men's cross country runner and track and field athlete David Stafford was recently inducted into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place during Homecoming activities on Feb. 17 in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

A native of Hanahan, Stafford was a member of the inaugural Patriot cross country squad in 1976, missed the 1977 season with an injury, and ran again in 1978. He was also a member of the FMU track and field team for four years (1976-79).

He earned the B.S. degree in sociology in 1980 and now resides in Summerville. He has been employed by Federal Express since 1983.

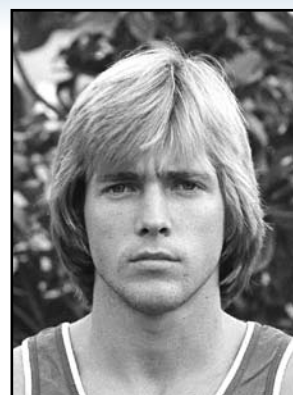
Each of his years on the cross country squad, he was named the team's most valuable player, won the NAIA District Six individual championship (time of 26:15 in 1976 and 25:32 in 1978), was named to the All-District Team, and helped the Patriots to the District Six team title. As a senior, he set the FMU course record with a time of 25:34.

On the track, he earned team most valuable player honors

twice (1976 and 1978) and helped Francis Marion to a four-year team record of 86-18. The Patriots finished second at the District Six championship meet in 1977 and 1978 and placed fourth in 1976.

He was named to the All-District track and field squad in 1979 for his accomplishments in the 880-yard dash and as part of the mile relay team. By the end of his junior year, he held four school records: 880-yard dash, mile run, 3-mile run, and 6-mile run. His record time of 4:17.2 in the mile run still stands today. Ten years after he graduated, he still stood fourth on the all-time FMU track and field points list with 388.

Stafford joins 30 current members in the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame, which was formed in 1991.



Stafford

Upcoming **EVENTS**

For a complete listing of campus activities, visit us on the web at www.fmarion.edu/calendar

- Mar. 1** Artist Series: "Cosi fan tutte" by Mozart
performed by Capital City Opera Co.
- Mar. 11** "Last Days of Earth"
Dooley Planetarium
- Mar. 13** First Tuesday Arts Event
Florence Symphony Winds and Art Exhibits
- Mar. 16** Foundation Chairman's Golf Classic
Country Club of South Carolina
- Mar. 24** Art's Alive and Open House
- Mar. 25** "Looking for Extrasolar Planets"
Dooley Planetarium
- Mar. 29** Concert: Degas Quartet
- Apr. 5** FMU Jazz Express
- Apr. 8** "Stars of the Spring and Summer"
Dooley Planetarium
- Apr. 12-14** "Fools" by Neil Simon
Theatre performance by FMU students
- Apr. 15** University Concert Choir
- Apr. 17** University Wind Symphony
- Apr. 17 & 19** Cut Time Show Choir
- Apr. 22** FMU String Ensemble
- Apr. 22** "Savoring the Night"
Dooley Planetarium
- May 13** "The Loneliness Factor"
Dooley Planetarium

FMU to host 30th Annual Art's Alive Festival March 24



The Art's Alive festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine, and is free and open to the public. The event is a celebration of the visual and performing arts for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at several different venues on campus.

This year's featured attractions are The O'Kaysions and Mac Frampton. The O'Kaysions will perform on the main outdoor stage from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mac Frampton will perform in the Fine Arts Center's Adele Kassab Recital Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. The House of Blues band NTranze will also perform. A variety of other musical groups will be performing throughout the day.

For the third year, artists will be showing and selling their work at the festival. There will be watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, pottery, woodwork, hand-painted glassware, sweetgrass baskets, stained glass, jewelry, fabric, portraits, metal work and more.

Performances for children will include the Wade Henry's juggling act, Florence Little Theatre Schoolhouse Players, and a mixed up fairy tale by Page Turner Adventures. Nationally recognized storyteller Doug Elliott will also engage attendees with his collection of stories from around the world.

For more information, contact the FMU Office of Community Relations at 843-661-1225.

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